Fake certificates

4072. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the ill-practice of issue of fake certificates, in some parts of the country, for insanity of women to seek divorce;

(b) if so, how many such rackets have been detected, State-wise; and

(c) Government's action plan to control this menace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) and (b) Taking *suo moto* cognizance of media reports during July, 2004 about issue of false certificates at the Agra Mental Health Institute and Hospital declaring normal women to be insane for the purpose of securing divorce, the National Commission for Women (NCW) had conducted an inquiry into the matter.

(c) Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has requested all State Governments and Union Territory Administrations to furnish the information on constitution, working and activities of the State Mental Health Authorities to the NCW. The Medical Council of India has been requested to initiate necessary action to cancel the license of the doctor accused of issuing the fake medical certificates at the Agra Mental Institute and Hospital.

Family Counseling Centres

4073. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many Family Counseling Centres are functioning to render advice on peace and harmony in families;

(b) the fund allocated to run them; and

(c) how many of such FCCs are operative in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) There are 680 Family Counseling Centres functioning in the country at present.

(b) During the year 2004-05, an amount of Rs. 531.00 lakhs were allocated to run these Family Counseling Centres throughout the country.